BILL NO. Z-67-01- 08

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ZONING MAP ORDINANCE NO. Z-

AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. B-11.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That the area described as follows is hereby designated an R-3 District under the terms of Chapter 36,

Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1946, as amended by General Ordinance No. 2836; and the symbols on the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. B-11 referred to therein, established by Section 9, Article III of said Chapter as amended, are hereby changed accordingly, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10 of Riverside Second Addition to the City of Fort Wayne, according to the recorded plat thereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, and legal publication thereof.

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RESOLUTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on January 10, 1967, referred a proposed zoning map amendment to the City Plan Commission which proposed ordinance was designated as Bill No. Z-67-01-08; and.

WHEREAS, the required notice of public hearing on such proposed ordinance has been published as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on such proposed ordinance on March 20, 1967;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Plan Commission does hereby return said ordinance to the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne with no recommendation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is hereby directed to present a copy of this resolution to the Common Council at its next regular meeting.

This is to certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Fort Wayne City Plan Commission held March 27, 1967.

Certified and signed this	
3rd day of April 1967.	
	Mary Ann Haynie
	Secretary

STATE OF INDIANA)

(COUNTY OF ALLEN)

BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

TO: The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana:

The undersigned, being the owner of the following described property located in Allen County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lots 9 and 10 of Riverside Second Addition to the City of Fort Wayne, according to the recorded plat thereof.

which is now situated in an "R-1" District, respectfully petitions the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, to change the zoning of said tract from an "R-1" District to an "R-3" District.

Your Petitioner would further show the Council that the change of zone would be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and would be for the best interest and the general welfare of the immediate community.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner respectfully requests this Council to change the zoning of said tract to an "R-3" District.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise C. Spreen

REMONS TRANCE

vs.

SPREEN PETITION

MAR 20 1967

REMONSTRANCE VS SPREEN PETITION

The undersigned owners of property hereby respectfully submit that the Petition of Louise C. Spreen filed under date of December 22, 1966 for the purpose of rezoning her property (lots 9 and 10) located exclusively in a relatively large "R-1" District or area to an "R-3" District or area should be denied in view of the following reasons:

- 1. The Petition is not well founded in fact.
- 2. The apartment complex proposed for the above property would not be compatible with other Private dwellings in the Oswego area or contiguous areas.
- 3. Such rezoning would create difficult traffic conditions.
- 4. The population density would burden school facilities.
- 5. The area in general would deteriorate in value.
- No sewer exists which is sufficient to accommodate disposal from such a complex.
- 7. The costs with respect to land improvements in the Oswego area would be excessive and discriminatory.

THE PETITION IS NOT WELL FOUNDED IN FACT

The Petition merely requests a change from an "R-1" to an "R-3" zone. There is not a single fact recited in it which is sufficient to support the issuance of the Petition. Also, there is nothing in it to indicate the real purpose of the Petition. The first formal document in this respect is contained in the "Notice of Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment" dated March 9, 1967.

However, the Petition does state that Mrs. Spreen would show that:

"The change of zone would be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and would be for the best interest and the general welfare of the immediate community."

The blank request to change a zone obviously cannot by itself make it consistent with anything and particularly with any surrounding neighborhood when all of the neighborhood is presently an "R-1" District. This position appears to be sound because the Petition implies that if lots 9 and 10 are rezoned and apartments are constructed thereon, they will correspond with the surrounding neighborhood. Obviously, there are no apartments in the Oswego Area.

Attention is directed to Exhibit A which shows a large, substantially square mile, area bounded on the north and west by the St. Joe River and respectively on the east and south by Anthony and East State.

INSOFAR AS PRESENTLY KNOWN, THERE IS ONLY ONE APARTMENT SETUP IN THE ABOVE AREA AND THIS IS THE FLORIDA APARTMENTS INC., LOCATED AT 2301 FLORIDA, DIRECTLY ADJACENT EAST STATE AND A BUSINESS AREA.

THERE ARE BUSINESS AREAS ON NORTH ANTHONY, SOME ALONG EAST STATE, CRESCENT AND PARNELL AND THE PLAN COMMISSION IS TO BE COMMENDED IN LIMITING THE SCOPE OF SUCH BUSINESS IN THESE AREAS.

MRS. SPREEN STATES SHE WILL SHOW THAT THE CHANGE WOULD BE FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT MRS. SPREEN AND MESSRS. LEBRATO AND SHIVE ARE NOT, INSOFAR AS KNOWN, RECOGNIZED AS AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING OR JUDGING WHAT CONSTITUTES THE BEST INTEREST OR WELFARE OF THE UNDERSIGNED PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY.

MORE EXPLICITLY, THEY ARE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO ADVISE ANY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE BASIS AS TO WHAT IS BEST FOR THEM.

The policy of the Plan Commission requires that the Petitioners shows

- 1. The need for the plan to be smended;
- 2. That the amendment will be in the best interest of and benefit to the area involved and of and to the city;
- 3. That the amendment will not be detrimental to and does not conflict with the overall city plan.

The State statutes, among other things, requires with respect to an "R-3" District:

- d. 1. The building commissioner shall issue an improvement and location permit when the developer has satisfactorily proven to the building commissioner that the following conditions exist:
- 1. The increased density that will result by the installation of this use will not impose any hardship on the existing schools serving the area in which the development will take place.
- 2. All existing sewers, water lines, streets and sidewalks serving the area proposed for development are adequate to handle the increased density that will occur as a result of the use involved.

- 3. The increased density as proposed by the improvement and location permit will not impose any hardship on the following elements of the development plan of the city:
 - (a) Land use plan.
 - (b) Thoroughfare plan.
 - (c) Sewer plan.
 - (d) Water plan.
 - (e) School plan.
 - (f) Park and playground plan.
- (d) II. If the building commissioner does not issue an improvement and location permit within fifteen days after a written demand to do so by developer or applicant, an appeal will lie to the board of zoning appeals.
- (e) The parcel of land upon which the use is erected shall have direct public access to a street as defined in this chapter for purposes of vehicular traffic, off-street parking, utilities and other services such as mail delivery, garbage collection, fire and emergency units, etc.
- (f) The arrangement of buildings shall be such that in the event the land is subdivided there shall be sufficient space between buildings, between buildings and the street and between buildings and property lines to allow for the minimum platting requirements of chapter 28A and this chapter.
- (g) The minimum area of the site to be developed, exclusive of all public streets, alleys or other public ways, shall not be less than forty-five thousand square feet with a minimum lot frontage of one hundred fifty feet.

- (h) The nearest fifteen feet to any side or rear property line adjoining a single family residence building shall be landscaped and in no event shall parking be permitted nearer than fifteen feet to the side or rear property line adjoining such single family residence building.
- an improvement and location permit or a certificate of occupancy for a use where the density exceeds one thousand square feet per living unit for structures of three to five stories and one thousand two hundred and fifty square feet for structures two stories or less except by action of the board of zoning appeals.

THE APARTMENT COMPLEX PROPOSED FOR THE ABOVE PROPERTY WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER PRIVATE DWELLINGS IN THE OSWEGO AREA OR CONTIGUOUS AREAS

Exhibit B is a plan prepared by Messrs. Lebrato and Shive for the erection of eight buildings, seven of which contain 76 living units. Forty-two units would be one-bedroom apartments and 34, two-bedroom apartments.

More specifically there are two aligned buildings, each of which is 36 feet x 184 feet, arranged along the south boundry of lot 9 and two aligned buildings each of which is 36 feet x 152 feet fronting Oswego. There are also four buildings extending along the bank of the river.

The first impression one gets of all of the eight buildings is a walled enclosure, stockade or barracks.

Messrs. Lebrato and Shive have proposed a change with respect to the buildings fronting on Oswego. They contemplate joining the same to provide a single elongated building 388 feet in length with a center archway, having a width of 25 feet between lamps and a height of 17 feet, through which all of the traffic enters and leaves the complex. The parking areas in the complex and the single passage would in all probability create traffic problems within the confines of the complex as well as at the point of intersection of such passage with Oswego.

It is difficult if not impossible to comprehend by any stretch of the imagination how such a proposed apartment complex could be compatible with or consistent with any adjacent buildings when the architect of all of the latter in the Oswego area and contiguous areas are of a single dwelling character.

Attention is further directed to the fact that even though Messrs. Lebrato and Shive have indicated that none of the

buildings would exceed two stories in height their last proposal with respect to joining the buildings fronting on Cawego would result in a building having a beight in excess of two stories. Obviously if so desired, the builders may completely revise or present new plans; so that, for example, the buildings will rise to a height of 50 feet.

Exhibit A clearly, and as stated above, shows there is only one apartment setup in the substantially square mile area and it does not appear that there is any justification for the erection of any additional complex particularly of the magnitude proposed by Messrs. Lebrato and Shive.

According to the Master Plan the area is presently substantially saturated with private dwellings and there is no justification for increasing the density in population and/or vehicular traffic. See Exhibit C.

Also, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed buildings have not been laid out in accord with ordinances on this subject. More specifically, the yard requirements about the buildings do not appear to be sufficient. This is particularly true of the buildings adjacent the south boundry of lot 9.

Further, it is not believed that the proposed plan is correctly laid out to afford maximum fire protection.

Noreover, in view of the policy of the Plan

Commissioner and the Statutes as set forth above, it should be
manifest that the Building Commissioner could never issue a
building permit for this complex in its present form. The
present plan is clearly premature.

An article entitled "POPULATION AREA GROWTH TO CONTINUE" was published on January 1, 1963 in the News-Sentinel. I quote a part of that article by William J. Jones:

"Without a doubt, the single family residential development activity in Fort Wayne will continue as it has in the past; this is due to the fact that Fort Wayne is such a predominately high home-ownership city. With approximately 65 to 70 per cent of the homes being owner-occupied, we see no reason why this trend should change."

The remonstrators respectfully trust that the "trend", above referred to, is not changed with respect to the property in question.

In an earlier article entitled "PLAN UNIT SHAPES CITY'S GROWTH ON A WIDE VARIETY OF FRONTS" published in the News-Sentinel on July 18, 1960 it appears that Mr. Jones, among other things, was quoted as follows:

"If you don't plan you just have a hodge-podge. We could do more for residences if people would take advantage of the commission's services."

The editor quoted Mr. Jones as saying that "a person buying a home could check to see If the neighborhood is zoned, get power and water advice, and know the full situation and the character of the neighborhood as far as the physical development is concerned".

In view of the above, it is submitted that the majority of people living in the Oswego area and contiguous areas have purchased homes or else constructed new ones on the basis that the area is an "R-1" District. Such soning constitutes an inducement to a prospective purchaser of property or an implied contract that the area will remain such a District.

Fort Wayne is fortunate in having a properly prepared Master Plan and there does not appear to be any reason for amending the soning ordinance to accommodate Mrs. Spream.

Either by smendment, use-variance, or special permit, Mrs. Spreen and Messrs. Lebrator and Shive are seeking a special privilege in an endeavor to maximize the use of their land, at the expense of their neighbors and the community. Political pressures being what they are, and the long-term consequences of small changes never appearing to be significant, many communities destroy by amendment the very plan which would have protected them against unnecessary financial expense, blighted areas, traffic congestion, and inadequate municipal services.

In the great majority of cases the amendments remove isnd from more restrictive classifications and place it in less restricted zones and thus piecemeal destroy the carefully prepared professional plan.

THUS, IF THE AMENDMENT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, IF IT BENEFITS ONE OWNER AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS NEIGHBORS OR OF THE COMMUNITY, IT WILL BE DECLARED INVALID.

PROPERTY MAY RESULT IN WHAT MAY BE TERMED "SPOT ZONING". THIS IS THE PROCESS OF SINGLING OUT A SMALL PARCEL OF LAND FOR A USE CLASSIFICATION TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE SURROUND-ING AREA, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OWNER OF SUCH PROPERTY AND TO THE DETRIMENT OF OTHER OWNERS *** "SPOT ZONING" IS THE VERY ANTITHESIS OF PLANNED ZONING.

SUCH REZONING WOULD CREATE DIFFICULT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Referring to the streets:

- a. Somerset Lane, an east and west street, is paved, has a width of 20 feet from curb to curb and a length of approximately 489 feet. There are two homes on the north side of this street and four on its south side and all have driveways which require backing out onto the street. At the present time, parking occurs on the opposite sides of this street. This street intersects Parnell at a location substantially 295 feet south of the bridge on the north.
- b. Oswego, exemplified in Exhibit A, extends generally north and south between the St. Joe River and Parnell Avenue. Somerset joins the north end of Oswego with Parnell, and Vance Avenue, also extending east and west, joins the south end of Oswego with Parnell and St. Joe River Drive, the latter of which extends along the river and in front of North Side Righ School and joins with East State Boulevard at two spaced locations adjacent the east end of the bridge adjacent to the school. The location closest to the bridge constitutes the only south exit or outlet from the Drive and the other location constitutes the sole south inlet to the Drive. These areas and that extending along in front of the school is highly saturated with traffic and pedestrians, particularly during certain rush periods.

Oswego is an exceptionally long street and, as stated above, has a single inlet-outlet at the north end via Somerset and a single inlet-outlet at the south end via Vance.

Oswego is a dirt road which is occasionally ciled to induce packing of the soil and allay dust. It has a right-a-way of 50 feet but the present USABLE surface width will average between 12 to 17 feet. There are 16 homes with back-out driveways on the east side and 18 with back-outs on the west and certain of these are located opposite the Spreen property.

At the present time, there are fewer automotive vehicles which are owned or operated by persons living on Oswego, Somerset as described, and Vance than the number of parking spaces in the proposed apartment complex. The north extremity of Oswego is presently in poor condition. Adjacent to the north end there is quite a narrow curve and at times there are many children and teenagers at play in this particular area as well as along Vance Avenue.

intersection with St. Joe River Drive is approximately 839
feet and from Pernell to its intersection with Oswego
approximately 420 feet. There are 9 homes with back-out
driveways on the south side and 6 homes with back-out driveways
on the north side. There is a relatively sharp curve at the
first-mantioned intersection which is protected by a long
curved guard rail to prevent cars from secidently running off
into the river.

THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN VANCE AND PARNELL IS

QUITE A DANGEROUS ONE AND DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF WEEK DAYS

THE TRAFFIC IS CONTROLLED BY A GUARD TO ASSIST AND PROTECT

SCHOOL CHILDREN AND OTHER PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSING.

ATTACHED EXHIBIT B, PROVISION IS MADE THEREIN FOR 76 LIVING UNITS AND PARKING AREAS FOR ACCOMMODATING 131 CARS. THE PARKING AREAS MAY OR MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF CARS ACTUALLY OWNED. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE TWO OCCUPANTS PER EACH OF THE 76 PROPOSED LIVING UNITS IN THE COMPLEX, THEN THE NUMBER OF CARS COULD BE AS HIGH AS 152 CARS.

THE SOLE POINT OF INGRESS TO AND EGRESS FROM THE PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF OSWEGO A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 130 FEET SOUTH FROM THE MEDIAL LINE OF SOMERSET. THIS DISTANCE PLUS THE LENGTH OF OSWEGO TOTALS 619 FEET.

RIVER DRIVE ON THE NORTH ADJACENT THE BRIDGE IS, TO SAY THE LEAST PRECARIOUS AND A VERY DANGEROUS AREA. MANY ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURED HERE, AS POINTED OUT HEREBELOW, AND THESE WOULD APPEAR TO BE DUE TO THE OBLIQUE ANGULAR POSITION OF THE BRIDGE RELATIVE TO THE MEDIAL LINES OF THE AFORESAID STREETS, INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE SPEED OR FLOW OF TRAFFIC, THE STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BRIDGE, THE INCLINE OF THE AREA ADJACENT THE SOUTH END OF THE BRIDGE, AND POOR VISIBILITY UPON APPROACHING SUCH AREA. THREE STATIONARY ABUTMENTS ARE PRESENTLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE.

The bridge has a length of 223 feet and a width of 30 feet and the distance from its south end to the center of the intersection between Somerset and Parnell as stated above is approximately 295 feet. There are two homes with driveways on the east side of Parnell directly south of the bridge and there are three homes with driveways on the west side.

As noted above, the total distance along Somerset to the entrance to the proposed apartment complex is 619 feet. This total distance might safely accommodate at one time somewhere between 16 to 20 cars, assuming that the average length of each is 18½ feet with corresponding distance therebetween but this accommodation would depend on the extent of parking permitted on the opposite sides of the street.

If the Spreen property, consisting of lots 9 and 10, is rezoned; it is logical and reasonable to assume that lot 8 may eventually be rezoned because Mr. Lebrato has attempted to purchase same. By the same token, if lots 8, 9 and 10 should be rezoned for apartments one may further assume that the vacant preperties on Oswego and Parnell more or less east of lot 8 will eventually be rezoned for apartment complexes, in which event, the streets named in the preceding paragraph could under no circumstances accommodate the great excess in the number of vehicles utilized in conjunction with such complexes which could contain hundreds of living units.

In the year 1960 a traffic flow chart for our city was published. This chart shows that there was a weekly day average of 5000 vehicles travelling on Parnell. It is probable that this average may now be between 3000 to 11000. (See Exhibit C)

The flow of traffic on Parnell and East State Boulevard presently appears to be excessive particularly during the rush periods between 6:30 cm. - 8:30 c.m. and between 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., during special events at the Coliseum and at the front and contiguous areas of North Side High School around 7:45 c.m.

It is becoming progressively more difficult to enter or cross Farnell and East State due to the increasing volume or flow of traffic therein. Permitting the use of anywhere from 131 to possibly 500 additional cars in the Oswego Area in conjunction with any proposed apartment complex or complexes should never be permitted under the present existing Master Flan of the Flan Commission as it would adversely effect the established interests of those property owners who have been induced by an "R-1" restrictive zone to purchase or build and improve their property long prior to the filing of the Spreen Petition.

of Somerset and Parnell were installed, (Mr. Lebrato has conceded that such may be needed) then at times it would be next to impossible for the owners of cars on Parnell between the bridge and Somerset to safely enter Parnell due to backup in traffic. It is quite possible traffic could backup a distance from the intersection to the bridge, for the full length of the bridge,

that a traffic light at such an intersection would seriously interfere and/or interrupt the fast or normal free-flow of traffic on Parnell and also could cause excessive backup of traffic on Somerset. It is quite possible that an additional traffic light would have to be installed at the area adjacent the bridge and obviously any lights in the area would compound the congestion and interrupt the free-flow of traffic which is essential to Pernell. Further, it would probably be necessary to install a traffic light at the intersection of Vance and Parnell which, as stated above, is presently provided with an officer at certain periods to protect the school children and others.

If the Petition for resoning is finally approved and the great number of cars mentioned are utilized in conjunction with the proposed apartment complex or complexes, then the undersigned remonstrators hereby respectfully submit that the increase in the density of vehicular traffic would create, and/or compound difficult and hazardous traffic conditions, such as congestions, backups, interferences and/or interruptions with the normal flow of traffic, accidents along Parnell, Somerset, Oswego, Vance St. Jos River Drive and at the two intersections of the latter at East State Boulevard, as well as endanger pedestrians.

Further, Somerset, Oswego, Vance and the Drive would constitute a bypass off Parnell and promote racing along these streets to the exit adjacent North Side School. This racing now occurs to some extent and pedestrians would be endangered along Somerset and Cawego by any increase in traffic as there are no sidewalks.

Also, all of the property owners along Somerset,
Oswego and Vance would be subjected to almost intolerable
disturbances with respect to traffic and noise and this would
be particularly true of those living adjacent to such a complex.

- f. In support of the above, attention is directed to the important fact that seventeen (17) recorded accidents have occurred at the dangerous intersection of Parnell and St. Joe River Drive for a period beginning with November 5, 1962 and ending on October 1, 1966:
 - *1. November 5, 1962
 - 2. December 20, 1962
 - 3. January 19, 1963
 - 4. June 29, 1963
 - 5. July 16, 1963
 - 6. December 23, 1963
 - 7. February 15, 1964
 - 8. May 19, 1964
 - 9. June 7, 1964
 - 10. February 18, 1964
 - 11. February 26, 1964
 - 12. March 30, 1965
 - 13. May 26, 1965
 - 14. June 2, 1965
 - 15. October 9, 1965
 - 16. December 12, 1965
 - 17. October 1, 1966

- g. There was also a recorded accident at the intersection of Parnell and Somerset on February 6, 1966.
- h. Nine recorded accidents have occurred at the intersection of Parnell and Vance Avenue:
 - #1. June 10, 1962
 - 2. January 11, 1963
 - 3. January 24, 1964
 - 4. March 13, 1965
 - 5. March 19, 1965
 - 6. April 1, 1966
 - 7. June 29, 1966
 - 8. November 1, 1966
 - 9. December 15, 1966

- i. There are seventeen recorded accidents which have occurred at the two dangerous intersections of St. Joe River Drive with East Sate Boulevard:
 - #1. March 23, 1962
 - 2. March 23, 1962
 - 3. Juno 4, 1962
 - 4. August 18, 1962
 - 5. September 28, 1962
 - 6. Rovember 18, 1968
 - 7. February 25, 1963
 - 6. March 1, 1963
 - 9. June 29, 1963
 - 10. September 1, 1964
 - 11. April 2, 1965
 - 12. May 23, 1966
 - 13. July 27, 1966
 - 14, September 20, 1966
 - 15. October 29, 1966
 - 16. Hovember 2, 1966
 - 17. December 13, 1966

allote: Many other accidents have occurred prior to and later than those above.

THE POPULATION DENSITY WOULD BURDEN SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is quite possible that the density in the above respect would place a burden on the school facilities and particularly if the present proposed apartment complex is modified to include an additional appreciable number of living units and/or any additional apartments are constructed in the Oswego area.

THE AREA IN GENERAL WOULD DETERIORATE IN VALUE

The area immediately adjacent to lots 9 and 10 would apparently increase in value for the erection of additional apartments or apartment complexes, but property values farther removed would deteriorate in value because the attributes inherent with respect to single-dwelling homelife would be materially disturbed.

The establishment of single family residence districts offers inducements, not only to the wealthy, but to those of moderate means to own their own homes. With ownership comes increased interest in the promotion of public agencies, such as church and school, which have for their purpose a desired development of the moral and mental makeup of the citizenry of the country. With ownership of one's home comes recognition of the individual's responsibility for his share in the safeguarding of the welfare of the community and increased pride in personal

achievement which must come from personal participation in projects looking toward community betterment.

The entrance of one apartment house or flat into a district usually means the entrance of others, and, while it may mean an enhancement of value of the adjacent property for the building of similar structures, it detracts from the value of neighboring property for home building. The man who is seeking to establish a permanent home would not deliberately choose to build next to an apartment house, and it is common experience that the man who has already built is dissatisfied with his home location and desires a change. In other words, the apartment house, tenement flat, and like structures tend to the exclusion of homes. The owner may move to another district, but this may not be a sufficient solution of his problem, for in no protection can be given to strictly home districts -- such as is contemplated by a comprehensive and properly constructed soming plan as we presently have in Fort Wayne -- he may be forced by the ever-increasing encroachment of apartments and flats to relinquish, if not altogether abundon, the benefits emanating from a permanent home site.

In order to protect and preserve our present good zoning system from the frequent and inevitable attacks of interested parties such as Mesars. Lebrato and Shive and Mrs. Spreen who seek to avoid zoning laws for their own purposes and monetary gain, it is important that this Plan Commission impose strict and severe limitations upon the granting of any variances or exceptions, such as the one presented here.

NO SEWER EXISTS WHICH IS SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE DISPOSAL FROM SUCH A COMPLEX

THERE IS NO SEVER IN OSVEGO OR BETWEEN OSVEGO AND THE RIVER. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE FAIR AND REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT ANY SEVER NECESSARY FOR SUCH AN GPPOSED COMPLEX WOULD REQUIRE LARGER LINES AND OTHER COMPONENTS AS COMPARED TO A SHALLER LINE ADAPTED FOR USE BY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS.

However, There is a 12" sever which extends north and south between Oswego and Parnell and under Somerset.

AS STATED ABOVE, NO BUILDING PERMIT COULD BE ISSUED FOR SUCH A COMPLEX UNLESS A SEWER AND OTHER FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE STATUTE ARE AVAILABLE.

APPARENTLY THE SEWER DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT

A SEVER PART WAY DOWN VANCE AND A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH THEREFROM

BETWEEN OSWEGO AND THE RIVER.

THERE IS ONE IMPORTANT MATTER WHICH MERITS ATTENTION BY THE PLAN COMMISSION AND OPPOSING COUNSEL.

IT IS THIS: MESSERS. LEBRATO & SHIVE ON DECEMBER 15, 1966 FILED A PETITION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SEWER ON THE WEST SIDE OF OSWEGO.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, SUBJECT TO CORRECTION, THAT MESSERS. LEBRATO & SHIVE HAVE ONLY AN OPTION ON THE SPREEN PROPERTY AND ARE THEREFORE MERE OPTIONEES. MESSERS. LEBRATO & SHIVE HAVE EXCELLENT REPUTATIONS. I HAVE KNOWN MR. LEBRATO FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS.

HOWEVER, # FIND THAT THEY HAVE APPARENTLY BECOME

OVER-ANXIOUS OR OVER-ZEALOUS AND HAVE SIGNED A PETITION AS

OWNERS OF PROPERTY (LOTS 9 AND 10) ON THE WEST SIDE OF OSWEGO

WHEN SUCH IS NOT THE TRUE FACT. THEIR PETITION IS A PUBLIC

DOCUMENT AND I MUST RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE RECORD
WITH RESPECT TO THAT PETITION BE PROMPTLY CORRECTED
BECAUSE I BO NOT BELIEVE A MERE OPTIONEE HAS THE LEGAL RIGHT
TO FILE SUCH A PETITION AND THEREBY BURDEN THE PROPERTY OF
ADJACENT OWNERS.

THE COSTS WITH RESPECT TO LAND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OSWEGO AREA WOULD BE EXCESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY.

ARE CONSTRUCTED, THEN IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT OSWEGO WILL REQUIRE PAVING, SIDEWALKS, A SANITARY SEWER, A STORM SEWER, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL UTILITIES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE PAVED WIDTH OF OSWEGO WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE GREATER THAN THAT OF SOMERSET IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN ACCOMMODATING THE INCREASED TRAFFIC.

AT LEAST SOME OF THE ABOVE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED IF THE AREA IN QUESTION IS NOT REZONED. ALSO, THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE ALMOST PROHIBITIVE FOR SOME OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND NECESSITATE SELLING THEIR HOMES.

THE OWNERS OF SUCH A COMPLEX WOULD OBTAIN

GREATER BENEFITS THAN THOSE OF OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE

LATTER WOULD CARRY A GREATER BURDEN INSOFAR AS COSTS WITH

RESPECT TO CONSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENTS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PROPERTY OWNERS

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	PROPERTY OWNERS	ADDRESSES
	margaret Best	1226 Somerset Lane
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	W. L. Dorter	1242 Somerset Lane.
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	Carlle Gennaitte	1310 Somerset fore
17	Vera S. Demaite	13/0 Somerst Saine
	Florence J. Watson	1320 Somercet Jane
18	Frank M. Station	1320 Somersel Lane
19	Mrs Don E. angrew	1321 Somerset Lane
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REMONSTRANCE vs SPREEN PETITION

The undersigned ewners of property hereby respectfully submit that the Petition of Louise C. Spreen filed under date of December 22, 1966 for the purpose of rezoning her property (lots 9 and 10) located exclusively in a relatively large "R-1" District or area to an "R-3" District or area should be denied in view of the following reasons:

- 1. The Petition is not well founded in fact.
- 2. The apartment complex proposed for the above property would not be compatible with other Private dwellings in the Oswege area or contiguous areas.
- 3. Such rezoning would ereate difficult traffic conditions.
- 4. The population density would burden school facilities.
- 5. The area in general would deteriorate in value.
- 6. No sewer exists which is sufficient to accommodate disposal from such a complex.
- 7. The costs with respect to land improvements in the Oswego area would be excessive and discriminatory.

THE PETITION IS NOT WELL FOUNDED IN FACT

The Petition merely requests a change from an "R-1" to an "R-3" zone. There is not a single fact recited in it which is sufficient to support the issuance of the Petition. Also, there is nothing in it to indicate the real purpose of the Petition. The first formal document in this respect is contained in the "Notice of Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment" dated March 9, 1967.

However, the Petition does state that Mrs. Spreen would show that:

"The change of zone would be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and would be for the best interest and the general welfare of the immediate community."

The blank request to change a zone obviously cannot by itself make it consistent with anything and particularly with any surrounding neighborhood when all of the neighborhood is presently an "R-1" District. This position appears to be sound because the Petition implies that if lots 9 and 10 are rezoned and apartments are constructed thereon, they will correspond with the surrounding neighborhood. Obviously, there are no apartments in the Oswego Area.

Attention is directed to Exhibit A which shows a large, substantially square mile, area bounded on the north and west by the St. Joe River and respectively on the east and south by Anthony and East State.

INSOFAR AS PRESENTLY KNOWN, THERE IS ONLY ONE APARTMENT SETUP IN THE ABOVE AREA AND THIS IS THE FLORIDA APARTMENTS INC., LOCATED AT 2301 FLORIDA, DIRECTLY ADJACENT EAST STATE AND A BUSINESS AREA.

THERE ARE BUSINESS AREAS ON NORTH ANTHONY, SOME
ALONG EAST STATE, CRESCENT AND PARNELL AND THE PLAN COMMISSION
IS TO BE COMMENDED IN LIMITING THE SCOPE OF SUCH BUSINESS IN
THESE AREAS.

MRS. SPREEN STATES SHE WILL SHOW THAT THE CHANGE WOULD BE FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT MRS. SPREEN AND MESSRS. LEBRATO AND SHIVE ARE NOT, INSOFAR AS KNOWN, RECOGNIZED AS AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING OR JUDGING WHAT CONSTITUTES THE BEST INTEREST OR WELFARE OF THE UNDERSIGNED PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY. MORE EXPLICITLY. THEY ARE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO ADVISE ANY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE BASIS AS TO WHAT IS BEST FOR THEM.

The pelicy of the Plan Commission requires that the Petitioners show:

- 1. The need for the plan to be amended;
- 2. That the amendment will be in the best interest of and benefit to the area involved and of and to the city;
- 3. That the amendment will not be detrimental to and does not conflict with the overall city plan.

The State statutes, among other things, requires with respect to an "R-3" District:

- d. 1. The building commissioner shall issue an improvement and location permit when the developer has satisfactorily proven to the building commissioner that the fellowing conditions exist:
- 1. The increased density that will result by the installation of this use will not impose any hardship on the existing schools serving the area in which the development will take place.
- 2. All existing sewers, water lines, streets and sidewalks serving the area proposed for development are adequate to handle the increased density that will occur as a result of the use involved.

- 3. The increased density as proposed by the improvement and location permit will not impose any hardship on the following elements of the development plan of the city:
 - (a) Land use plan.
 - (b) Theroughfare plan.
 - (c) Sewer plan.
 - (d) Water plan.
 - (e) School plan.
 - (f) Park and playground plan.
- (d) II. If the building commissioner does not issue an improvement and location permit within fifteen days after a written demand to do so by developer or applicant, an appeal will lie to the board of zoning appeals.
- (e) The parcel of land upon which the use is erected shall have direct public access to a street as defined in this chapter for purposes of vehicular traffic, off-street parking, utilities and other services such as mail delivery, garbage collection, fire and emergency units, etc.
- (f) The arrangement of buildings shall be such that in the event the land is subdivided there shall be sufficient space between buildings, between buildings and the street and between buildings and property lines to allow for the minimum platting requirements of chapter 28A and this chapter.
- (g) The minimum area of the site to be developed, exclusive of all public streets, alleys or other public ways, shall not be less than forty-five thousand square feet with a minimum lot frontage of one hundred fifty feet.

- (h) The nearest fifteen feet to any side or rear property line adjoining a single family residence building shall be landscaped and in no event shall parking be permitted nearer than fifteen feet to the side or rear property line adjoining such single family residence building.
- an improvement and location permit or a certificate of occupancy for a use where the density exceeds one thousand square feet per living unit for structures of three to five stories and one thousand two hundred and fifty square feet for structures two stories or less except by action of the board of zoning appeals.

THE APARTMENT COMPLEX PROPOSED FOR THE ABOVE PROPERTY WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER PRIVATE DWELLINGS IN THE OSWEGO AREA OR CONTIGUOUS AREAS

Exhibit B is a plan prepared by Messrs. Lebrato and Shive for the erection of eight buildings, seven of which contain 76 living units. Forty-two units would be one-bedroom apartments and 34, two-bedroom apartments.

More specifically there are two aligned buildings, each of which is 36 feet x 184 feet, arranged along the south boundry of lot 9 and two aligned buildings each of which is 36 feet x 152 feet fronting Oswego. There are also four buildings extending along the bank of the river.

The first impression one gets of all of the eight buildings is a walled enclosure, stockade or barracks.

Messrs. Lebrato and Shive have proposed a change with respect to the buildings fronting on Oswego. They contemplate joining the same to provide a single elongated building 388 feet in length with a center archway, having a width of 25 feet between lamps and a height of 17 feet, through which all of the traffic enters and leaves the complex. The parking areas in the complex and the single passage would in all probability create traffic problems within the confines of the complex as well as at the point of intersection of such passage with Oswego.

It is difficult if not impossible to comprehend by any stretch of the imagination how such a proposed apartment complex could be compatible with or consistent with any adjacent buildings when the architect of all of the latter in the Oswego area and contiguous areas are of a single dwelling character.

Attention is further directed to the fact that even though Messrs. Lebrato and Shive have indicated that none of the

buildings would exceed two stories in height their last proposal with respect to joining the buildings fronting on Oswego would result in a building having a height in excess of two stories. Obviously if so desired, the builders may completely revise or present new plans; so that, for example, the buildings will rise to a height of 50 feet.

Exhibit A clearly, and as stated above, shows there is only one apartment setup in the substantially square mile area and it does not appear that there is any justification for the erection of any additional complex particularly of the magnitude proposed by Messrs. Lebrato and Shive.

According to the Master Plan the area is presently substantially saturated with private dwellings and there is no justification for increasing the density in population and/or vehicular traffic. See Exhibit C.

Also, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed buildings have not been laid out in accord with ordinances on this subject. More specifically, the yard requirements about the buildings do not appear to be sufficient. This is particularly true of the buildings adjacent the south boundry of lot 9.

Further, it is not believed that the proposed plan is correctly laid out to afford maximum fire protection.

Moreover, in view of the policy of the Plan

Commissioner and the Statutes as set forth above, it should be
manifest that the Building Commissioner could never issue a
building permit for this complex in its present form. The
present plan is clearly premature.

An article entitled "POPULATION AREA GROWTH TO

CONTINUE" was published on January 1, 1963 in the News-Sentinel.

I quote a part of that article by William J. Jones:

"Without a doubt, the single family residential development activity in Fort Wayne will continue as it has in the past; this is due to the fact that Fort Wayne is such a predominately high home-ownership city. With approximately 65 to 70 per cent of the homes being owner-occupied, we see no reason why this trend should change."

The remonstrators respectfully trust that the "trend", above referred to, is not changed with respect to the property in question.

In an earlier article entitled "PLAN UNIT SHAPES
CITY'S GROWTH ON A WIDE VARIETY OF FRONTS" published in the
News-Sentinel on July 18, 1960 it appears that Mr. Jones, among
ether things, was quoted as follows:

"If you don't plan you just have a hodge-podge. We could do more for residences if people would take advantage of the commission's services."

The editor quoted Mr. Jones as saying that "a person buying a home could check to see If the neighborhood is zoned, get power and water advice, and know the full situation and the character of the neighborhood as far as the physical development is concerned".

In view of the above, it is submitted that the majority of people living in the Oswego area and contiguous areas have purchased homes or else constructed new ones on the basis that the area is an "R-1" District. Such zoning constitutes an inducement to a prospective purchaser of property or an implied contract that the area will remain such a District.

Fort Wayne is fortunate in having a properly prepared Master Plan and there does not appear to be any reason for amending the zoning ordinance to accommodate Mrs. Spreen.

Either by amendment, use-variance, or special permit, Mrs. Spreen and Messrs. Lebrator and Shive are seeking a special privilege in an endeavor to maximize the use of their land, at the expense of their neighbors and the community. Political pressures being what they are, and the long-term consequences of small changes never appearing to be significant, many communities destroy by amendment the very plan which would have protected them against unnecessary financial expense, blighted areas, traffic congestion, and inadequate municipal services.

In the great majority of cases the amendments remove land from more restrictive classifications and place it in less restricted zones and thus piecemeal destroy the carefully prepared professional plan.

THUS, IF THE AMENDMENT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, IF IT BENEFITS ONE OWNER AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS NEIGHBORS OR OF THE COMMUNITY, IT WILL BE DECLARED INVALID.

PROPERTY MAY RESULT IN WHAT MAY BE TERMED "SPOT ZONING". THIS IS THE PROCESS OF SINGLING OUT A SMALL PARCEL OF LAND FOR A USE CLASSIFICATION TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE SURROUNDING AREA, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OWNER OF SUCH PROPERTY AND TO THE DETRIMENT OF OTHER OWNERS *** "SPOT ZONING" IS THE VERY ANTITHESIS OF PLANNED ZONING.

SUCH REZONING WOULD CREATE DIFFICULT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Referring to the streets:

- a. Somerset Lane an east and west street is paved, has a width of 20 feet from curb to curb and a length of approximately 489 feet. There are two homes on the north side of this street and four on its south side and all have driveways which require backing out onto the street. At the present time, parking occurs on the opposite sides of this street. This street intersects Parnell at a location substantially 295 feet south of the bridge on the north.
- b. Oswego, exemplified in Exhibit A, extends generally north and south between the St. Joe River and Parnell Avenue.

 Somerset joins the north end of Oswego with Parnell, and Vance Avenue, also extending east and west, joins the south end of Oswego with Parnell and St. Joe River Drive, the latter of which extends along the river and in front of North Side High School and joins with East State Boulevard at two spaced locations adjacent the east end of the bridge adjacent to the school. The location closest to the bridge constitutes the only south exit or outlet from the Drive and the other location constitutes the sole south inlet to the Drive. These areas and that extending along in front of the school is highly saturated with traffic and pedestrians, particularly during certain rush periods.

Oswego is an exceptionally long street and, as stated above, has a single inlet-outlet at the north end via Somerset and a single inlet-outlet at the south end via Vance.

Oswego is a dirt road which is occasionally oiled to induce packing of the soil and allay dust. It has a right-a-way of 50 feet but the present USABLE surface width will average between 12 to 17 feet. There are 16 homes with back-out driveways on the east side and 18 with back-outs on the west and certain of these are located opposite the Spreen property.

At the present time, there are fewer automotive vehicles which are owned or operated by persons living on Oswego, Somerset as described, and Vance than the number of parking spaces in the proposed apartment complex. The north extremity of Oswego is presently in poor condition. Adjacent to the north end there is quite a narrow curve and at times there are many children and teenagers at play in this particular area as well as along Vance Avenue.

c. The length of Vance from Parnell to its medial intersection with St. Joe River Drive is approximately 839 feet and from Parnell to its intersection with Oswego 10 approximately 20 feet. There are 9 homes with back-out driveways on the south side and 6 homes with back-out driveways on the north side. There is a relatively sharp curve at the first-mentioned intersection which is protected by a long curved guard rail to prevent cars from accidently running off into the river.

THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN VANCE AND PARNELL IS

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THE TRAFFIC IS CONTROLLED BY A GUARD TO ASSIST AND PROTECT

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ATTACHED EXHIBIT B, PROVISION IS MADE THEREIN FOR 76 LIVING UNITS AND PARKING AREAS FOR ACCOMMODATING 131 CARS. THE PARKING AREAS MAY OR MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF CARS ACTUALLY OWNED. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE TWO OCCUPANTS PER EACH OF THE 76 PROPOSED LIVING UNITS IN THE COMPLEX, THEN THE NUMBER OF CARS COULD BE AS HIGH AS 152 CARS.

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MEASURE.

The bridge has a length of 223 feet and a width of 30 feet and the distance from its south end to the center of the intersection between Somerset and Parnell as stated above is approximately 295 feet. There are two homes with driveways on the east side of Parnell directly south of the bridge and there are three homes with driveways on the west side.

As noted above, the total distance along Somerset to the entrance to the proposed apartment complex is 619 feet. This total distance might safely accommodate at one time somewhere between 16 to 20 cars, assuming that the average length of each is 18½ feet with corresponding distance therebetween but this accommodation would depend on the extent of parking permitted on the opposite sides of the street.

If the Spreen property, consisting of lots 9 and 10, is rezoned; it is logical and reasonable to assume that lot 8 may eventually be rezoned because Mr. Lebrato has attempted to purchase same. By the same token, if lots 8, 9 and 10 should be rezoned for apartments one may further assume that the vacant properties on Oswege and Parnell more or less east of lot 8 will eventually be rezoned for apartment complexes, in which event, the streets named in the preceding paragraph could under no circumstances accommodate the great excess in the number of vehicles utilized in conjunction with such complexes which could centain hundreds of living units.

In the year 1960 a traffic flow chart for our city was published. This chart shows that there was a weekly day average of 5000 vehicles travelling on Parnell. It is probable that this average may now be between 8000 to 11000: (SEE EXHIBIT C.)

The flow of traffic on Parnell and East State Boulevard presently appears to be excessive particularly during the rush periods between 6:30 am. - 8:30 a.m. and between 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., during special events at the Coliseum and at the front and contiguous areas of North Side High School around 7:45 a.m.

It is becoming progressively more difficult to enter or cross Parnell and East State due to the increasing volume or flow of traffic therein. Permitting the use of anywhere from 131 to possibly 500 additional cars in the Oswego Area in conjunction with any proposed apartment complex or complexes should never be permitted under the present existing Master Plan of the Plan Commission as it would adversely effect the established interests of those property owners who have been induced by an "R-1" restrictive zone to purchase or build and improve their property long prior to the filing of the Spreen Petition.

of Somerset and Parnell were installed, (Mr. Lebrato has conceded that such may be needed) then at times it would be next to impossible for the owners of cars on Parnell between the bridge and Somerset to safely enter Parnell due to backup in traffic. It is quite possible traffic could backup a distance from the intersection to the bridge, for the full length of the bridge,

that a traffic light at such an intersection would seriously interfere and/or interrupt the fast or normal free-flow of traffic on Parnell and also could cause excessive backup of traffic on Somerset. It is quite possible that an additional traffic light would have to be installed at the area adjacent the bridge and obviously any lights in the area would compound the congestion and interrupt the free-flow of traffic which is essential to Parnell. Further, it would probably be necessary to install a traffic light at the intersection of Vance and Parnell which, as stated above, is presently provided with an officer at certain periods to pretect the school children and others.

If the Petition for rezoning is finally approved and the great number of cars mentioned are utilized in conjunction with the proposed apartment complex or complexes, then the undersigned remonstrators hereby respectfully submit that the increase in the density of vehicular traffic would create, and/or compound difficult and hazardous traffic conditions, such as congestions, backups, interferences and/or interruptions with the normal flow of traffic, accidents along Parnell, Somerset, Oswego, Vance St. Joe River Drive and at the two intersections of the latter at East State Boulevard, as well as endanger pedestrians.

Further, Somerset, Oswego, Vance and the Drive would constitute a bypass off Parnell and promote racing along these streets to the exit adjacent North Side School. This racing new occurs to some extent and pedestrians would be endangered along Somerset and Oswego by any increase in traffic as there are no sidewalks.

Also, all of the property owners along Somerset,

Oswego and Vance would be subjected to almost intolerable

disturbances with respect to traffic and noise and this would

be particularly true of those living adjacent to such a complex.

f. In support of the above, attention is directed to the important fact that seventeen (17) recorded accidents have occurred at the dangerous intersection of Parnell and St. Joe River Drive for a period beginning with November 5, 1962 and ending en Octeber 1, 1966: November 5, 1962 Wil. 2. December 20, 1962 January 19, 1963 3. 4. June 29, 1963 5. July 16, 1963 6. December 23, 1963 February 15, 1964 7. 8. May 19, 1964 9. June 7, 1964

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- 13. May 26, 1965
- 14. June 2, 1965
- 15. October 9, 1965

10. February 18, 1964

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- 16. December 12, 1965
- 17. October 1, 1966

- g. There was also a recorded accident at the intersection of Parnell and Somerset on February 6, 1966.
- h. Nine recorded accidents have occurred at the intersection of Parnell and Vance Avenue:
 - *1. June 10, 1962
 - 2. January 11, 1963
 - 3. January 24, 1964
 - 4. March 13, 1965
 - 5. March 19, 1965
 - 6. April 1, 1966
 - 7. June 29, 1966
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 - 9. December 15, 1966

- i. There are seventeen recorded accidents which have occurred at the two dangerous intersections of St. Joe River Drive with East State Boulevard:
 - *1. March 23, 1962
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 - 3. June 4, 1962
 - 4. August 18, 1962
 - 5. September 28, 1962
 - 6. November 18, 1962
 - 7. February 25, 1963
 - 8. March 1, 1963
 - 9. June 29, 1963
 - 10. September 1, 1964
 - ll. April 2, 1965
 - 12. May 23, 1966
 - 13. July 27, 1966
 - 14. September 20, 1966
 - 15. October 29, 1966
 - 16. November 2, 1966
 - 17. December 13, 1966

*Note: Many other accidents have occurred prior to and later than those above.

THE POPULATION DENSITY WOULD BURDEN SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is quite possible that the density in the above respect would place a burden on the school facilities and particularly if the present proposed apartment complex is modified to include an additional appreciable number of living units and/or any additional apartments are constructed in the Oswego area.

THE AREA IN GENERAL WOULD DETERIORATE IN VALUE

The area immediately adjacent to lots 9 and 10 would apparently increase in value for the erection of additional apartments or apartment complexes, but property values farther removed would deteriorate in value because the attributes inherent with respect to single-dwelling homelife would be materially disturbed.

The establishment of single family residence districts offers inducements, not only to the wealthy, but to those of moderate means to own their own homes. With ownership comes increased interest in the promotion of public agencies, such as church and school, which have for their purpose a desired development of the moral and mental makeup of the citizenry of the country. With ownership of one's home comes recognition of the individual's responsibility for his share in the safeguarding of the welfare of the community and increased pride in personal

achievement which must come from personal participation in projects looking toward community betterment.

The entrance of one apartment house or flat into a district usually means the entrance of others, and, while it may mean an enhancement of value of the adjacent property for the building of similar structures, it detracts from the value of neighboring property for home building. The man who is seeking to establish a permanent home would not deliberately choose to build next to an apartment house, and it is common experience that the man who has already built is dissatisfied with his home location and desires a change. In other words, the apartment house, tenement flat, and like structures tend to the exclusion of homes. The owner may move to another district, but this may not be a sufficient solution of his problem, for is no protection can be given to strictly home districts -- such as is contemplated by a comprehensive and properly constructed zoning plan as we presently have in Fort Wayne -- he may be forced by the ever-increasing encroachment of apartments and flats to relinquish, if not altogether abandon, the benefits emanating from a permanent home site.

In order to protect and preserve our present good zoning system from the frequent and inevitable attacks of interested parties such as Messrs. Lebrato and Shive and Mrs. Spreen who seek to avoid zoning laws for their own purposes and monetary gain, it is important that this Plan Commission impose strict and severe limitations upon the granting of any variances or exceptions, such as the one presented here.

NO SEWER EXISTS WHICH IS SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE DISPOSAL FROM SUCH A COMPLEX

THERE IS NO SEWER IN OSWEGO OR BETWEEN OSWEGO AND THE RIVER. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE FAIR AND REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT ANY SEWER NECESSARY FOR SUCH AN OPPOSED COMPLEX WOULD REQUIRE LARGER LINES AND OTHER COMPONENTS AS COMPARED TO A SMALLER LINE ADAPTED FOR USE BY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS.

However, there is a 12" sewer which extends north and south between Oswego and Parnell and under Somerset.

AS STATED ABOVE, NO BUILDING PERMIT COULD BE ISSUED FOR SUCH A COMPLEX UNLESS A SEWER AND OTHER FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE STATUTE ARE AVAILABLE.

APPARENTLY THE SEWER DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT

A SEWER PART WAY DOWN VANCE AND A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH THEREFROM

BETWEEN OSWEGO AND THE RIVER.

THERE IS ONE IMPORTANT MATTER WHICH MERITS ATTENTION

BY THE PLAN COMMISSION AND OPPOSING COUNSEL.

IT IS THIS: MESSERS. LEBRATO & SHIVE ON DECEMBER 15, 1966 FILED A PETITION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SEWER ON THE WEST SIDE OF OSWEGO.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, SUBJECT TO CORRECTION, THAT MESSERS. LEBRATO & SHIVE HAVE ONLY AN OPTION ON THE SPREEN PROPERTY AND ARE THEREFORE MERE OPTIONEES. MESSERS. LEBRATO & SHIVE HAVE EXCELLENT REPUTATIONS. I HAVE KNOWN MR. LEBRATO FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS.

HOWEVER, I FIND THAT THEY HAVE APPARENTLY BECOME

OVER-ANXIOUS OR OVER-ZEALOUS AND HAVE SIGNED A PETITION AS

OWNERS OF PROPERTY (LOTS 9 AND 10) ON THE WEST SIDE OF OSWEGO

WHEN SUCH IS NOT THE TRUE FACT. THEIR PETITION IS A PUBLIC

DOCUMENT AND I MUST RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE RECORD
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THE COSTS WITH RESPECT TO LAND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OSWEGO AREA WOULD BE EXCESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY.

IF SUCH AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OR ANY ADDITIONAL ONES ARE CONSTRUCTED, THEN IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT OSWEGO WILL REQUIRE PAVING, SIDEWALKS, A SANITARY SEWER, A STORM SEWER, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL UTILITIES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE PAVED WIDTH OF OSWEGO WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE GREATER THAN THAT OF SOMERSET IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN ACCOMMODATING THE INCREASED TRAFFIC.

AT LEAST SOME OF THE ABOVE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED IF THE AREA IN QUESTION IS NOT REZONED. ALSO, THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE ALMOST PROHIBITIVE FOR SOME OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND NECESSITATE SELLING THEIR HOMES.

THE OWNERS OF SUCH A COMPLEX WOULD OBTAIN

GREATER BENEFITS THAN THOSE OF OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Northeast Civic Assn. Inc.

FORT WAYNE, IND.
1110 Elmwood Ave. 46805

Re. Rezoning R-1 toR-3 Oswego..SomersetLn.

March 14 1967

To City Plan Commission City of Ft. Wayne 42 5 South Calhoun St.

Mr. William Jones

On request of members the Northeast Civic Association, board of directors voted against such rezoning, to allow the building of a "76 Unit Apartment Building there";

The discussions brought out the following objections,

- A 76 Unit Apartment Building there would creat a Traffic Hazard,
 (A) Parnell Av. is a main artery; Springfield (St Joe River Dr.)
 enters Parnell near, Somerset In. enters near the Parnell
 Av. bridge near;
 - (B) There is an expressway planned near the area;
 - (C) The area where the apartment building is planned is located in area bounded by the St. Joe River to the North and the West, affording no outlet for traffic in that direction;
 - (D) 76 Uhits would require , possibly $l^{\frac{1}{2}}$ cars per unit, which would increase the traffic flow in and out , to and from a bottled up area.

(E) Future growth , to the Morth is known

(F) 76 Units may bring many more children to the area, who would have to cross Parnell on way to school, a very dangerous matter.

(G) The residents of the area do not want the quiet disturbed; (H) The location is much better suited for single family units;

(I) There is realy no need for such apartment there;

(J) There are no play grounds, except City Utilities Park across the Parnell Bridge, making the hazard to children very real;

(K) There are so many other places better suited for large apartment units:

- (I) Realy, This area could be better used for a play grounds, that area having none.
- The Northeast Civic Association is sincere about good planning in our whole community; We are proud of the planning we have had; We realize we are not property owners in the area; We simply appeal to the Plan Commission to point out to the proposed builders that they are imposing , what we think is wrong planning.

We trust that the Commission gives serious consideration.

Sincerely

The Board of Directors &

Ralph I. Dolan Pres.











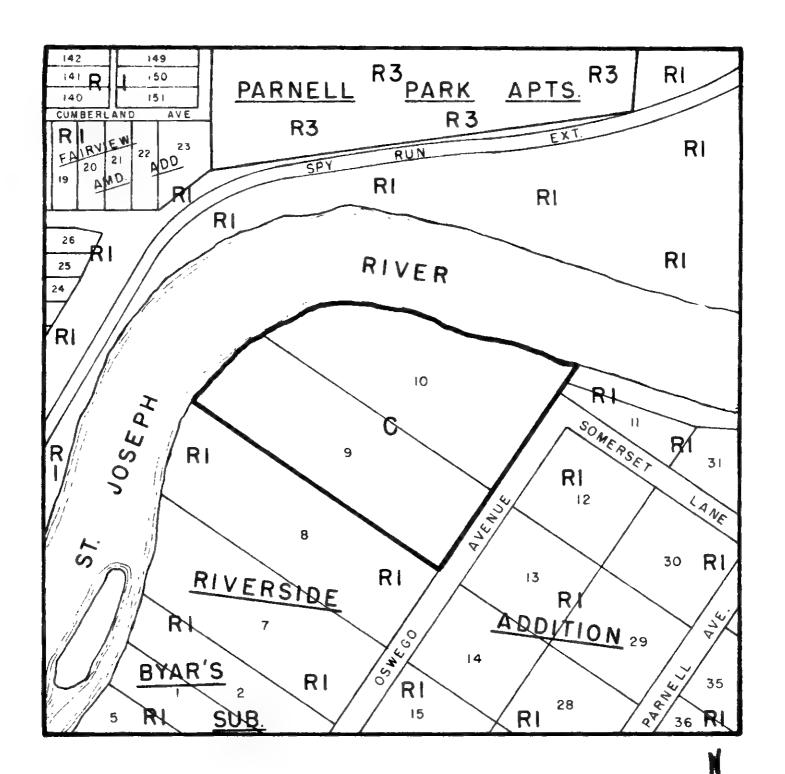








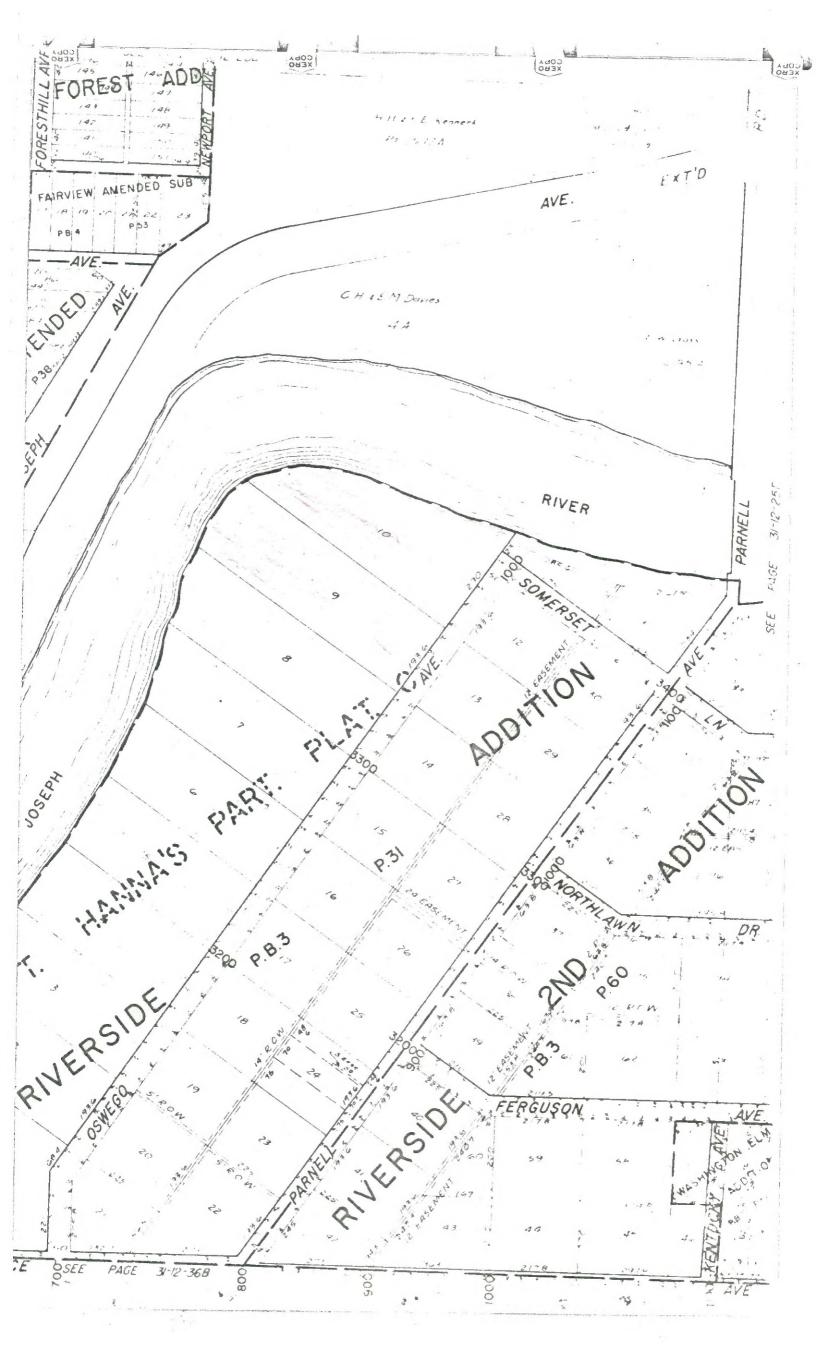


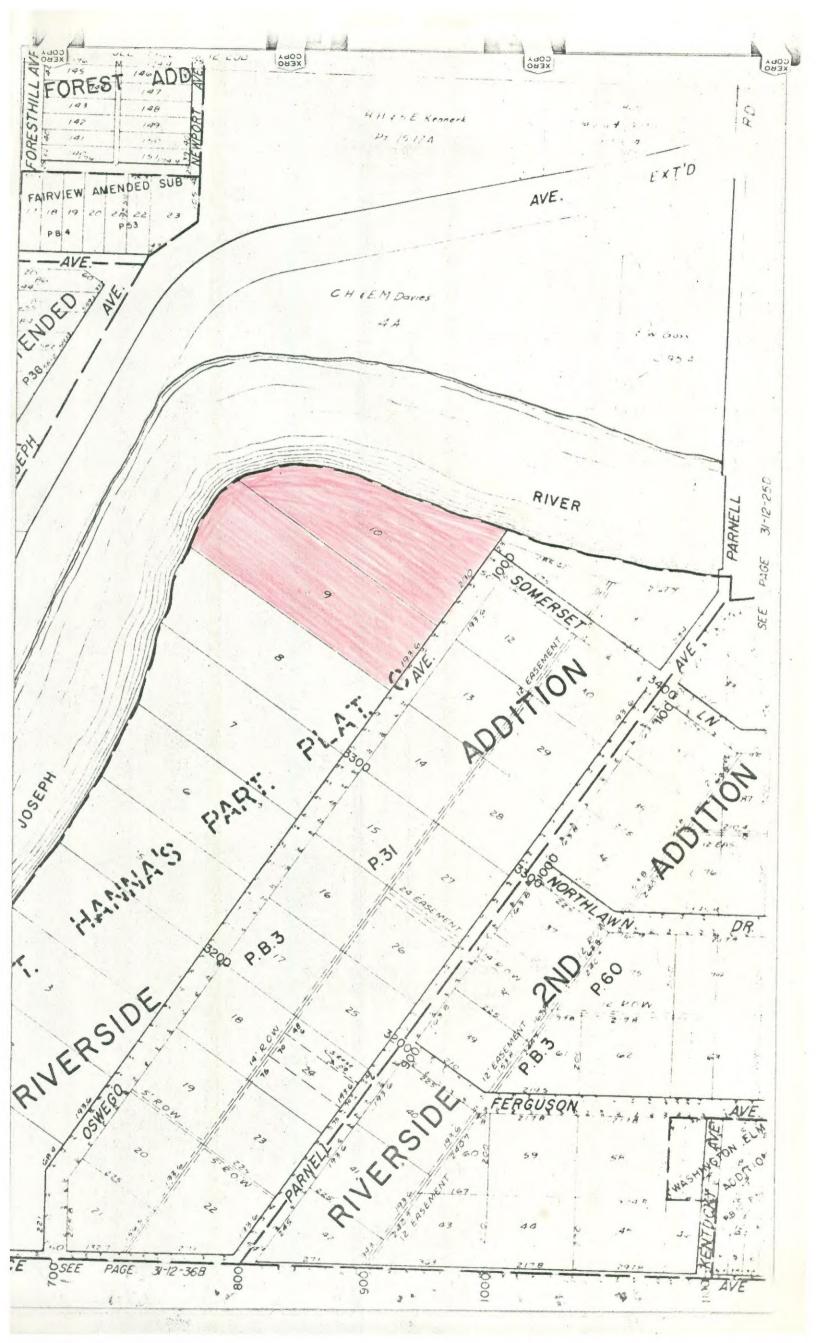


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